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“The Convention’s absolute prohibition against torture is a sacred tribute to the essential worth of every single human being, and the responsibility of the Committee is to honor that tribute by working to make this commitment a reality. It would be my honor and privilege to contribute to the work of the Committee in its pursuit of a world free from torture.”

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ELECTION IN OCTOBER 2021

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Citizen of the United States of America, born in New York

CURRENT POSITION:

Professorial Lecturer in Law,
George Washington University Law School

Elect Todd Buchwald to the Committee Against Torture

- Ambassador for Global Criminal Justice at the U.S. Department of State, where he worked to promote and defend human rights and to hold perpetrators of atrocities accountable for their crimes.
- Distinguished scholar, lecturer, and professor of international law, with a focus on accountability for atrocities.
- Acclaimed legal career with over thirty years in government and private practice, including as Director of the State Department's legal office for United Nations Affairs. Recipient of Justice Tom C. Clark Award for outstanding career attorney in the U.S. federal government.
- Extensive multilateral experience, including as Head of Delegation for U.S. observer delegation to ICC Assembly of States Parties, U.S. representative to the Sixth (Legal) Committee of the U.N. General Assembly, and Deputy Head of Delegation to the Kampala Review Conference of the Rome Statute of the ICC.
- Inaugural Tom A. Bernstein Genocide Prevention Fellow at the Simon-Skodjt Center for the Prevention of Genocide of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum.
- Visiting Scholar at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, where he undertook a project on principles underlying the importance of holding perpetrators to account.

PUBLICATIONS, LEADERSHIP, AND EDUCATION

Publications and Statements (selected):

- *ASIL Task Force on Policy Options for U.S. Engagement with the ICC.* American Society of International Law, with Beth Van Schaack as Co-Chairs of ASIL Task Force (2021)
- *Remarks at the Fifteenth Session of the International Criminal Court Assembly of States Parties.* Statement of Ambassador Todd F. Buchwald, The Hague (Fall 2016)
- *Opportunities for Justice: New Mechanisms for Addressing Sexual Violence and Other Atrocity Crimes for Europe to South Asia to Sub-Saharan Africa.* U.S. Capital Visitor Center (May 2016)
- *The Path Forward for the International Criminal Court: Questions Searching for Answers.* 52 Case Western Journal of International Law (2020)
- *By Any Other Name: How, When and Why the US Government Has Made Genocide Determinations.* U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum (2019)
- *Former Officials Challenge Pompeo's Threats to the ICC.* Just Security, with David Crane, Ben Ferencz, Stephen Rapp, David Scheffer and Clint Williamson (March 2020)

Leadership Roles (selected):

- **Chairperson**, American Society of International Law Steering Committee, Signature Topic Initiative on Atrocity Prevention and International Law
- **Co-Chair**, American Society of International Law Task Force, Policy Options for Effective Engagement with the International Criminal Court
- **Board of Advisors**, American Bar Association Center for Human Rights, Atrocity Prevention and Response Project
- **Board of Advisors**, American Bar Association, International Criminal Court Project
- **Senior Peace Fellow**, Public International Law and Policy Group

Education:

- J.D., Yale Law School, New Haven, Connecticut (1981)
- B.A., Cornell University, Ithaca, New York (1978)